

FLOYD COUNTY RESOLUTION 2003- VII  
A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
THE FLOYD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of June, 2003, the Floyd County Plan Commission (Commission) certified to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Floyd a proposed amendment to the Floyd County Comprehensive Plan (Plan) pertaining to the activities of the Southern Seven Workforce Investment Board, with a copy of the proposed amendment being appended hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Floyd is desirous by this resolution of amending the Plan in the manner certified by the Commission.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Appendix to the Floyd County Comprehensive Plan be, and the same hereby is, amended by the inclusion of the materials appended hereto and made a part of this resolution.

SO RESOLVED THIS 1st day of July, 2003.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF FLOYD

MEMBER

MEMBER

ATTEST:

Jeresa A. Plais  
FLOYD COUNTY AUDITOR

MEMBER

Mike Mills  
Charles A. Freiburger

***Amendment to Appendix to the  
Floyd County Comprehensive Plan  
(Following Page 54)***

The Southern Seven Workforce Investment Board is a non-profit, business and industry-led corporation representing Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Orange, Scott and Washington Counties. The Southern Seven WIB is dedicated to building an educated, skilled regional workforce, competing well in the “21st century” new economy, through coordination, collaboration and partnerships among economic development, education, workforce development and local government. The Southern Seven Workforce Investment Board is one of over 600 such Boards in the U.S. Under the Workforce Investment Act, the Board has responsibility for Strategic Planning that provides a regional direction and Vision for optimal investment in both the current and future workforce. The Southern Seven Workforce Region’s planning approach has been unique in Indiana. It recognizes and draws on the strengths, particulars and goals of each county and its workforce-building activities to find regional workforce-related “common ground” while maintaining a focus on the entire seven county region and the 23 county bi-state economic region.

The Southern Seven Workforce Investment Board has prepared this plan for Floyd County through funding provided by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

The planning process drew input from 30+ participants, representing many community sectors. Six (6) planning sessions occurred from November 2001 through May 2002. Southern Seven Workforce Investment Board staff facilitated the planning process.

Through the planning process, Comprehensive Research Profiles on Floyd County were disseminated to planning participants, the Mayor of New Albany, and the City Council. Over 45 Profile documents were distributed. In addition, 3-page Profile Summaries were passed out at the first Floyd County planning session as a preface to the group’s “Visioning” session work. The Summaries provided key demographic, economic development, labor market and secondary school information pertinent to Workforce Investment discussion.

Floyd County strengths emphasized include:

- Educational opportunities in the region,
- Current training opportunities through workforce development-related resources, and
- Proximity to the job market in the metropolitan area.

Floyd County weaknesses emphasized include:

- Anti-investment attitudes regarding planning, infrastructure, etc.,
- Poor air quality,
- Community divisions that are socio-economic and geographic in nature,
- A “disconnect” with the (regional) media, i.e. lack of Indiana news focus,
- Lack of public transportation,
- Inadequate childcare, and

- Weak community characteristics, such as the high school dropout rate.

County priority issues were identified:

- A skilled, “technically educated” workforce, with a Lifelong Learning mentality
- Physical and technical infrastructure needs
- Economic growth and development
- Community cooperation and collaboration
- Comprehensive community resource development, i.e. “grant writer(s)
- Transportation
- Public awareness and education on area services and resources

Five Strategic Goals were created from these priority issues. From these goals, fifteen (15) objectives were developed and refined, each with measurable outcomes and time lines for completion. Examples of objectives include:

- Increasing the skills of the Floyd County workforce
- Increase the supply of Industrial Park land and other Industrial and Business sites.
- Assist and advocate regularly to establish and maintain affordable high-speed, digital Internet access for business and commercial use.
- Fully utilize a Community funding “Tool Box” for county resource-building purposes.
- Develop and enhance modes of communication and opportunities for Workforce Investment-related networking across the country.

Each objective also has:

- General action strategies designed to guide work toward its completion and achievement.
- A pool of the relevant local and regional “stakeholders” likely to have a natural link to and role in local and/or regional efforts, which move the objective forward.
- Anticipated outcomes.

This plan should be viewed and used as a consensus-built direction and structure for improving (the future of) workforce skills and opportunities, across the labor market, in Floyd County and the Southern Seven region. The role of Floyd County Workforce Investment task force, along with the WIB itself, is to facilitate implementation activities with local community institutions and organizations, both established and new partnerships, and other working groups that, collectively, will be the driving forces behind the achievement of plan goals and objectives. The Board will also coordinate and share information to produce a regional progress report, designed to continue the critical workforce discussions and drive the momentum of the work further toward the region’s envisioned future of workforce investment.

RESOLUTION OF THE  
FLOYD COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

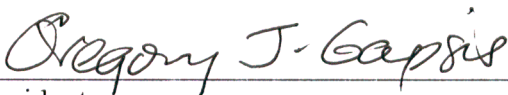
WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 36-7-4-501, et seq., the Floyd County Plan Commission recommended the amendment of the Floyd County Comprehensive Plan to add certain provisions relating to the Southern Seven Workforce Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, due notice of a public hearing having been published, the Floyd County Plan Commission did on Monday, May 19, 2003, hold a public hearing for the proposed additions to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, after hearing evidence and full discussion of the proposed Ordinance, a motion was made, duly seconded and approved by the commission, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Plan Commission certifies this addition to the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to I.C. 36-7-511 and is forwarding said Addition to the Board of Floyd County Commissioners for their action and adoption.

FLOYD COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

  
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President

Attest



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Beverly J. Smith  
Plan Director